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**SCHUMER, BROWNBAC TO LEAD
LAWMAKERS TO DC STRIVE JOB TRAINING
FACILITY TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
TO STAGGERING JOBLESS RATES OF YOUNG
AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN**

*In Follow Up to JEC Hearing, Lawmakers to Get First-Hand Look at
STRIVE Program with Proven Track Record in Training and Job Placement
of Traditionally Hard-to-Employ Populations*

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer, Chairman, and U.S. Senator Sam Brownback, Ranking Republican Senator, of the Joint Economic Committee will take colleagues to visit STRIVE (Support and Training Result in Valuable Employees), a highly successful job training program in Northeast Washington, DC on **June 13, 2007 at 9:30am** as promised follow-up to the Committee hearing on the staggering rates of African-American male unemployment. The lawmakers will tour the facility and gain a first-hand glimpse of the successful training and placement model developed by STRIVE. Senator Schumer hopes to turn the success of programs like STRIVE into national policies that can help alleviate and eventually solve the chronic unemployment crisis facing young black men across the country. Media availability will follow the tour.

WHO: Senators Schumer, Brownback, Sanders,
Coleman, Casey, and Rep. Sanchez
WHAT: Joint Economic Committee site visit of STRIVE
WHEN: Wednesday, June 13, 2007
9:30am Tour; 10:00am Media Availability
WHERE: STRIVE Washington, DC
715 I St. NE

STRIVE's success rate in addressing the needs of the chronically unemployed is astounding: Nationally, STRIVE has placed more than 25,000 hard-to-employ individuals in jobs, compiling a 75% success rate in placing STRIVE graduates, with over 70% of graduates remaining employed after two years.

The program was founded in East Harlem in 1985 to help people who face significant barriers to employment achieve economic independence through work. It combines training the "soft" skills needed to achieve success in the workplace (attitude, cooperation, and personal responsibility) and the "hard" skills required to find and keep a job, including job search techniques and long-term planning. STRIVE has expanded to include 19 affiliates across the country, each locally-grounded and responsive to the unique needs of its local populations, including the Northeast Washington DC center which opened in 1999.

The Joint Economic Committee, established under the Employment Act of 1946, was created by Congress to review economic conditions and to analyze the effectiveness of economic policy.

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